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## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/813,233
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Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	Trung Q.Dang
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	S	ubmis	bmission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114				
	a.	×	Prev	iously submitted			
		i.	×	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 29, 2005  (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).			
		ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on			
		iii.		Other			
	b.	×	Encl	osed			
		i.		Amendment/Reply iv.  Submission of Formal Drawings			
		ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) v. Experimental Petition for One-month Extension of Time			
		iii.		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
2.	Miscellaneous						
	a.		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of				
				months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)			
	b.	Ш	Othe	т			
3.	F	ees	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.				
	a.	×		Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any			
				payments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380			
		i.	_	RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)			
		ii.		Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)			
		iii.		Other			
	b.	×		Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account # 19-2380 in the amount of \$910.00			
	c.		Payr	nent by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)			
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